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1. FOLLOWING RESPONSES KEYED TO REFTEL:

A. GRC DOES NOT KEEP OFFICIAL STATISTICS ON IMPORT
OF ALUMINUM SCRAP. INDUSTRIAL BUREAU, MINISTER OF
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, ESTIMATES THAT PRIVATE USERS IN TAIWAN
( SMALL AND MEDIUM- SIZED ALUMINUM PROCESSING PLANTS) WILL
IMPORT ABOUT 10,000 NUXT ALUMINUM SCRAP DURING CY 1973.
( TAIWAN ALUMINUM COMPANY- TALCO- THE GOVERNMENT OWNED
FIRM WHICH DOMINATES THE FIELD- USES NO IMPORTED
ALUMINUM SCRAP.)

PROJECTED CY 1973 IMPORTS BY QUARTER:

FIRST 1,000 M/T; SECOND 2,000 M/T; THIRD 3,500 M/T AND FOURTH 3,500 M/T.

B. ABOUT 70 PERCENT ALUMINUM SCRAP IMPORTED IN CY
1973 WOULD COME FROM US WITH REMAINDER FROM JAPAN AND
HONG KONG. (SINCE DEVALUATION US SCRAP HAS BECOME MUCH MORE
PRICE COMPETITIVE.)
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C. EXPORT OF ALL METAL SCRAP ( INCLUDING ALUMINUM) IS CONTROLLED BY LICENSING. NO ALUMINUM SCRAP IS AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT AT PRESENT, HOWEVER. IMPORT OF ALUMINUM SCRAP WAS EFFECTIVELY DECONTROLLED ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO. D. VIRTUALLY ALL NON-IMPORTED ALUMINUM SCRAP IS GENERATED AND CONTROLLED BY TALCO. THUS, MARKET PRICES LARGELY SET BY GOVERNMENT.

E. ACCORDING TO INDUSTRIAL BUREAU, MOEA, WHOLESALE BUYING PRICE FOR HIGH- GRADE ALUMINUM SCRAP CIF KEELUNG ABOUT NT\$22,000 M/T. (NT\$37.9 EQUAL US\$1). NO SEPARATE PRICE BREAKDOWN AVAILABLE FOR 2 S, 3 S, ETC. MCCONAUGHY

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